

Prayer Service in Malang, October 18, 2022 (Tuesday Evening)

To Coincide with Fasting Prayer Session III

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Exodus 27:4-5

27:4 "You shall make a grate for it, a network of bronze; and on the network you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners.

27:5 "You shall put it under the rim of the altar beneath, that the network may be midway up the altar.

It is about the Altar of Burnt Offerings.

It has the network of bronze to put the offering. Formerly, the offering was the bull, goat, sheep, and pigeon.

Now, all animal offerings have been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Thus, the network refers to the heart of man which contains the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, so he can receive the first love.

What is the sign that our heart has contained the sacrifice of Christ or the first love? We believe Jesus, stop sinning, and return to God.

The meanings of working in the field of God with the first love like the flaming fire of the Altar of Burnt Offerings are as follows:

1. Ministering to God with the sign of repentance.

We must repent first and then we can minister to God.

Revelation 2:2-5

2:2 "*I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;*"

2:3 "*and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.*"

2:4 "*Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*"

2:5 "*Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.*"

God confessed the work of the church of Ephesus that is great, but He still reproached it because they ministered to Him without the first love or repentance. Not repenting, the lampstand will be taken away. It means ministering to God in the darkness or without any control, so they often stumble and become the stumbling-block for others. Such ministry will not reach the perfection, but be left when Jesus comes a second time and perish forever.

Therefore, we must minister to God with the first love or repentance. It means ministering to God with the burning lamp. We keep on living in righteousness and holiness until someday we are as perfect as Jesus is.

2. Ministering to God in faithfulness and fervency in spirit because of loving God more than anything until the end line.

The more we live in righteousness and holiness, the more we will serve and minister to God fervently until the end line.

Stopping on the way means ministering to God without the first love.

3. We must always remember that when we were called and chosen for ministering to God, we were only the clay, namely we were not clever and famous. Thus, we minister to God only by relying the sacrifice of Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

1:26. *For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.*

1:27 *But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;*

1:28 *and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,*

1:29 *that no flesh should glory in His presence.*

We will never be arrogant or boastful, but always remember the sacrifice of Christ and God.

He will also always remember us who are like the clay or rod which is weak and not precious, so He has willingly died, risen, and ascended to heaven for pouring out Holy Spirit for us and blowing the breath of life to us.

Isaiah 11:1-3

11:1. There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

11:2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

11:3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

The rod can bud and yield fruits.

The results are as follows:

- **We can bud.**

It means that Holy Spirit is able to protect and preserve our life physically in the midst of the difficulties in the world that increase until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world that we are evacuated to the wilderness. We are preserved directly by God through the true teaching Word and Holy Communion.

Budding also means that Holy Spirit makes us live spiritually, namely not committing sins, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. We are faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God.

- **We can bloom.**

It means that Holy Spirit equips us with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit or the beautiful tunic for being used in the ministry of the edification of the perfect Christ's body.

The gifts of Holy Spirit refer to the miraculous ability from Holy Spirit that enables us to minister to God.

The ministry of the edification of Christ's body starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the union between Israelites and Gentiles as the one perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride who is ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

The husband loves the wife; the wife submits to the husband; the children obey the parents.

If we are able to minister in the edification of Christ's body, someday all things will be beautiful in time of need.

God never deceives us. Stopping the ministry, one will be destroyed and naked because of losing the tunic. It is better to cry because of ministering to God than laughing because of not ministering to Him.

- **We can yield fruits.**

It means changing from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones or yielding the fruits of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23

5:22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

The first three fruits refer to the image of Father God.

The second three fruits refer to the image of the Son of God.

The third three fruits refer to the image of Holy Spirit God.

We return to the first creation, namely being the same image as the Trinity of God.

The proof is fearing the Lord and obeying Him until the flesh does not speak anymore.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

12:13. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

The physical miracle will also happen. The impossibilities become possible. The sick are cured. The destroyed things become good.

When Jesus comes a second time, we will be changed to be as perfect as He is for being worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the future Paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

Remember the sacrifice of Christ! God will also remember us. We need Holy Spirit. Let Holy Spirit work in our life.

God blesses you.